



## St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate

The mission of the St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate is to use our love and faith to inspire and serve God's people by cultivating a welcoming Catholic Community – working as one and living as disciples of Jesus Christ.

### Pastoral Directory

Pastor, Rev. Mark Osterhaus (563)852-3524  
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### Pastorate Support Staff

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Aquin Catholic Elementary School (563)852-3331  
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### New Parishioners

Welcome! Contact the pastorate office 563-852-3524

### Baptisms

Baptism class required. Next virtual class – March 15, 7pm. Contact Ray & Carol Noonan at 852-3181 to register for the class. Call the office schedule a baptism.

### Weddings

Contact Fr. Mark at least six months prior to the wedding date.

### Pastorate Council

Kevin Schockemoehl - Chair  
 Bob Green – Vice Chair  
 Mike Otting - Secretary  
 Karen Knepper, Chuck Shanahan  
 Chuck Noonan, Ed Stoll, Eric Vaske

### Parish Council Contacts

St. Patrick – Wanda Loewen  
 Sacred Heart – Chuck Noonan  
 St. Peter – Kevin Schockemoehl  
 St. Matthias – Bob Green

### Pastorate Committee Opportunities

Call the Pastorate Office for more info  
 Community Life, Faith Formation, Liturgy, Social Justice

### Prayer Requests

Eileen Steffen – 852-7168  
 Anita Gudenkauf – 852-3043  
 Joyce Gibbs – 879-3271

### Liturgy Schedule

(Cascade-C; Fillmore-F; Garryowen-G; Temple Hill-T  
 W/C-Word & Communion Service)

Sat Feb 27	4:00pm (G) Don Droeszler & Elaine Johnson, Gene & Madonna Redmond, James Wellik
Sun Feb 28	5:30pm (C) Joanne T. Otting 8:00am (C) Vincent & Helen McDermott 10:00am (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past.
Mon Mar 1	7:00am (C) W/C
Tue Mar 2	8:30am (C) Don & Velma Britt 5:30pm (C) For the Intention of the Donor 6:00pm (C) Stations of the Cross
Wed Mar 3	7:00am (C) James Krapfl
Thu Mar 4	7:00am (C) Living & Deceased Members of Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court 1926
Fri Mar 5	7:00am (C) Fr. John Tilp
Sat Mar 6	4:00pm (G) Anne Feeney 5:30pm (C) Patrick, Elizabeth & Kathleen Rogers, Francis (Buddy) Trumm, Sharon Aldrich & Jonah Roggensack
Sun Mar 7	8:00am (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past. 10:00am (C) Pete & Odie Boffeli, Steve Boffeli & Kay Noonan

## Second Sunday of Lent, February 28, 2021

### From Fr. Mark

The first reading today features the story of Abraham being put to the test. Abraham and Sarah's son Isaac is the child of the promise, but Abraham is told by God to take his son to the top of Mt. Moriah and offer him up as a holocaust. Abraham is broken hearted. Isaac carries the wood for the fire on his back up the mountain. This prefigures Jesus carrying the wood of the cross up Mt. Calvary. At the last moment, after Abraham binds his son, and is about to kill Isaac with the knife, an angel of God intervenes, and Isaac is spared. The prayers of Rosh Hashanah, the first day of the Jewish New Year, refer to this intense story. "On Rosh Hashanah, Jews all over the world pray that God will overlook human sinfulness, and remember the compassion that God had for Abraham in sparing his son, because Abraham was willing to obey God's command." Even though the Covenant was hanging by a thread, very much at risk, Abraham remained devoted to God. "Ultimately the story reminds us of our need to depend fully and without question on the tender mercies of God." (At Home with the Word)

After Jesus makes a prediction of his suffering and death, the Gospel of Mark tells us he goes up the mountain with Peter, James and John. Jesus is transfigured, revealing his glory. Jesus, like Abraham and Isaac, was also obedient unto death. "God, who did not spare his own Son, but handed him over for us all" (Rom. 8:32) was faithful to his Son by raising him up.

### Pastorate

**A HUGE thank you** to all that donated to the Food Pantry fund on Ash Wednesday. We raised \$1,089.85!! This will help greatly!!!

We are still waiting for our refrigerator and freezer but we are open every Saturday from 10:00am-11:30am.

We are very humbled by all the food donations, the person that donates eggs to us each week, the people that have called us to help volunteer, the families that come in and organize for us, the people that have sent us money, or stopped us in the grocery store to give us money, the people that pick up the food for us in Dubuque, all that have donated egg cartons, and all the kind words and prayers...thank you!!!!

We are still accepting food/money donations.

### Archdiocese of Dubuque IMPACT Formation Program for Adults

Do you thirst for a more intimate relationship with God? Do you hunger for increased knowledge of the Catholic faith? Do you desire to make a greater IMPACT in

your parish and community? If yes, consider joining the next IMPACT cohort! Through spiritual reading, dynamic



presenters, engaging discussion, prayer experiences, and personal reflection, participants will be challenged to respond more fully to Jesus' call to mission—to IMPACT our world! The next two-year cohort begins in September of 2021 and will meet monthly (on Saturdays) at St. Mark Parish in Iowa Falls. For more information and the application, please visit: [www.DBQArch.org/IMPACT](http://www.DBQArch.org/IMPACT).

**Catholic Charities Helps the Most Vulnerable** - Did you know that individual contributions make up nearly 50% of Catholic Charities' annual operating budget – every gift is important and every gift helps! As the social service arm of the Catholic Church, Catholic Charities' work to the most vulnerable among us is critical. Make your contribution to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal today by mailing your gift to **Catholic Charities, 1229 Mt. Loretta Ave, Dubuque 52001** or by going to [www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org/donate](http://www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org/donate).

**Save the date** for the Annual Aquin System Gala on Saturday April 17, 2021. If you would like to volunteer or donate an item you can contact Abby Archer at 563-590-7439 or Karen Bergfeld at 563-599-0980.

### **The St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate Social Justice**

**Committee Pop-Up Food Pantry will be open** - Saturday, February 27th in the St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate Office Basement at 408 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave NW, Cascade.

**Caring For Your Marriage-** "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." (Mk 9:7) We do not always want to listen to what we are told. Listen carefully to others, especially your spouse – Christ might be speaking to you through their words!

**Back by popular demand! Free Knights of Columbus Virtual Presentation:** "Paychecks to Playchecks" hosted by Tom Hegna. Tom Hegna, Internationally Acclaimed Retirement Expert, will be conducting a virtual seminar titled "Paychecks to Playchecks." This seminar is one night only: Wednesday, March 10th at 7PM. This seminar is free to the faithful with pre-registration required. Tom will hit on topics like Medicare, Medicaid, taxes and social security. He will also discuss valuable information on the use of life insurance, annuities, and long-term care insurance. Don't miss this once in a lifetime chance to see Tom Hegna for free. To register please email [Lawrence.blatz@kofc.org](mailto:Lawrence.blatz@kofc.org) Or call (563) 590-0366. Tom Hegna Paychecks to Playchecks is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Insurance of Iowa.

**Partner with Catholic Charities** - Did you know that 90% of every donation to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque goes toward direct service of individuals in need? Your gift will make an impact. To learn more about the ways your gift can change lives in the Archdiocese go to <https://bit.ly/36pAxJj>. Please partner with Catholic Charities and make your contribution to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal today. Learn more at <http://www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org>.

### **Sacred Heart, Fillmore**

**Sacred Heart Generosity:** Feb. 20-21, 2021: Budget: \$620.00; Offertory: \$50.00; Total: \$670.00

### **Liturgical Participation-Saturday, March 13, 2021 4:00pm**

*Commentator/Lector:* Jenny Recker; Eucharistic Minister: Bridget Rea; Ushers: David & Carolyn Turnis

#### Church & Hall Cleaning Done by March 13, 2021:

Matt & Jenny Recker, Pat Donovan, Bob & Ann Kerper, Amy Kerper, Darlene Meyer, LJ & Karen Stoffel, Jared Meyer, Dan & Sal Weber

### **St. Patrick, Garryowen**

**St. Patrick Generosity:** Feb. 20-21, 2021: Budget: \$272.00; EFT: \$715.00 Irish Breakfast: \$20.00; Total: \$7,007.00

### **Liturgical Participation – Saturday, Mar. 6, 2021-4:00pm**

*Commentator/Lector:* Melissa King; Euch. Min.: Janet Felton,

Ushers: Matt King, Denny Brackemyer

#### Weekend Money Counters: February 2021

Jean Thier & Tom Donovan

#### Church & Hall Cleaning (Feb. 2021):

Dave & Pearl Shanahan, Bob & Sue Nolan, Karla Mahoney

#### **Even though we cannot gather as usual for our Irish**

**Breakfast** this year, you are encouraged to support this event through your contributions to help us meet our budget needs for this fiscal year. If you indicate the Irish Breakfast on your contribution, you will receive credit for this on your contribution statement. The best way to do this is to make your contribution in a separate envelope marked "Irish Breakfast". If you have any questions, please contact the Pastorate Office. Thank you for your continued support of our parish!

### **St. Peter, Temple Hill**

**St. Peter Generosity:** Feb. 20-21, 2021: Budget: \$2,385.00;

Offertory: \$40.00; EFT: 440.00; Total: \$2,865.00

#### Liturgical Participation: (March 20, 2021 - 4:00 PM)

*Lector/Commentator:* Matt Manternach

*Eucharistic Minister:* Shelly Schockemoehl

*Usher:* Rick Turnis & Ken Heim

**Church Cleaning:** Ken & Itza Heim (leader), Dave & Marvel Heim, Jason & Lisa Kurt, Josh & Alisha Smith, Mary Kay Kelchen, Jeff & Sherry Kelchen (before March 20, 2021)

**Rosary, Adoration & Stations of the Cross at St. Peter's -** Wed., March 3 at 7 PM.

**St. Peter's Parish Blood Drive -** Monday, March 29, 2021 - 3:00-7:00 PM

### **St. Matthias, Cascade**

St. Matthias Generosity: Feb. 20-21, 2021 – Budget:

\$3,927.00; Offertory: \$355.00; EFT: \$5,469.00 Total:

\$9,751.00

Lit. Participation: (Weekdays Mar. 1-5): Linda Takes Davis

Saturday – Mar. 6, 5:30pm-

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Candy Bradley;

Ushers: Mike & Jan Donovan

Sunday – Mar. 7, 8:00am

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Chris Casey;

Ushers: Mike & Bridget Rea

Sunday – Mar. 7, 10:00am

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Amy Ludwig;

Ushers: Brad & Luke Ludwig

### **Knights of Columbus Scholarship**

For a student to apply for the Cascade Knights of Columbus Scholarship, the student must be the son or daughter of an active member of the Cascade Council #930 of the Knights of Columbus.

To apply check at the Guidance Office at Cascade High School or for more information, contact Tom Gleason 563.451.4376.

**The Molony Foundation is now accepting applications** from individuals to advance their post-high school career at a recognized two-year or four-year college or university. Scholarships awarded will be used for tuition or tuition related expenses and be sent directly to the Institution the student is attending.

#### **1. Nursing scholarships**

Applicants may be high school seniors who plan to pursue a Nursing degree or high school graduates currently working in the healthcare field. Scholarships awarded will be in the amount of \$2,500.

#### **2. 4-H scholarships**

In addition, two \$1,000 scholarships are available to 4-H Club members in Dubuque County who are seniors in high school and plan to attend a two-year or four-year College or university following graduation.

Applications can be found at St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate offices, Beckman, Cascade, Maquoketa and Western Dubuque High School guidance offices, NICC nursing department, Dubuque County Extension office or by sending a request to: [molonyfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:molonyfoundation@gmail.com).

Applications must be received by April 5, 2021 to be considered. The scholarship award winners will be notified no later than May 4, 2021. For further information, please call Staci Molony at 563-508-0350.

### **Mental Health and Coping During a Pandemic**

Join Counselors from Catholic Charities on March 1st at 6:00 pm for the first session of our "Pandemic Life Series" to learn more about mental health and coping during a pandemic. This webinar is free and open to the public. To register, contact us at [319-272-2141](tel:319-272-2141) or email [m.stammeyer@dbqarch.org](mailto:m.stammeyer@dbqarch.org) with webinar registration questions.

### **The Dubuque Franciscan Sister Water Project (SWP)**

Committee Invites Participants to "Walk for Sister Water" from March 12 - March 22 (World Water Day) to raise awareness of global water issues and raise funds for SWP. How the walk works:

1. Dedicate time (March 12-22) to walk the distance of 5K (3.1 miles) all at once or in segments. While you walk, consider that this is the distance some people have to walk daily to obtain clean water.

2. From March 12-22, follow the Sisters of St. Francis on Facebook

(<https://www.facebook.com/dubuquefranciscans/>) and Twitter (@DBQFranciscans) to see why others are walking and how villagers in Honduras and Tanzania have been helped by the Sister Water Project. Take photos of yourself walking and post on social media with #WalkForSisterWater or email to [communications@osfdbq.org](mailto:communications@osfdbq.org)

3. After your walk, consider making a donation to the Sister Water Project at 3390 Windsor Ave, Dubuque, IA 52001 or online at <https://www.osfdbq.org/swpdonate>.

For more information, contact Sister Maureen Leach at (563) 583-9786 or [leach@osfdbq.org](mailto:leach@osfdbq.org) or visit <https://www.osfdbq.org/swpwalk>.

## Second Sunday of Lent

### Reading I

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

God put Abraham to the test.

He called to him, "Abraham!"

"Here I am!" he replied.

Then God said:

"Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah.

There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you."

When they came to the place of which God had told him,

Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it.

Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son.

But the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven,

"Abraham, Abraham!"

"Here I am!" he answered.

"Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger.

"Do not do the least thing to him.

I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son."

As Abraham looked about,

he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket.

So he went and took the ram

and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son.

Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said:

"I swear by myself, declares the LORD,

that because you acted as you did

in not withholding from me your beloved son,

I will bless you abundantly

and make your descendants as countless

as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore;

your descendants shall take possession

of the gates of their enemies,

and in your descendants all the nations of the earth

shall find blessing—

all this because you obeyed my command."

### Responsorial Psalm

116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19

R. (116:9) I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

I believed, even when I said,

"I am greatly afflicted."

Precious in the eyes of the LORD

is the death of his faithful ones.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

O LORD, I am your servant;

I am your servant, the son of your handmaid;  
you have loosed my bonds.

To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
and I will call upon the name of the LORD.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

My vows to the LORD I will pay  
in the presence of all his people,

In the courts of the house of the LORD,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

### Reading II

Rom 8:31b-34

Brothers and sisters:

If God is for us, who can be against us?

He who did not spare his own Son

but handed him over for us all,

how will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones?

It is God who acquits us, who will condemn?

Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised—

who also is at the right hand of God,

who indeed intercedes for us.

### Verse Before the Gospel

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:

This is my beloved Son, listen to him.

### Gospel

Mk 9:2-10

Jesus took Peter, James, and John

and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves.

And he was transfigured before them,

and his clothes became dazzling white,

such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.

Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses,

and they were conversing with Jesus.

Then Peter said to Jesus in reply,

"Rabbi, it is good that we are here!

Let us make three tents:

one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified.

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them;

from the cloud came a voice,

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

As they were coming down from the mountain,

he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone,

except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

So they kept the matter to themselves,

questioning what rising from the dead meant.

## **The Gloria**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of  
the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## **Profession of Faith**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **Lenten Prayer**

O gracious Master, infuse in our hearts the spotless light of Your Divine Wisdom and open the eyes of our mind that we may understand the teachings of Your Gospel.

Instill in us also the fear of Your blessed commandments, so that having curbed all carnal desires, we may lead a spiritual life, both thinking and doing everything to please You.

For You, O Christ, our God, are the enlightenment of our souls and bodies; and to You we render glory, together with Your eternal Father, and with Your all holy, life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and forever. Amen.

## **Country Prayer for Lent**

Dear Lord, we are now in the holy season of Lent. We begin to realize anew that these are the days of salvation, these are the acceptable days. We know that we are all sinners. We know that in many things we have all offended Your infinite majesty. We know that sin destroys Your life in us as a drought withers the leaves and chokes the life from the land, leaving an arid, dusty desert. Help us now, Lord, in our feeble attempts to make up for past sin. Bless our efforts with the rich blessing of Your grace. Make us realize ever more our need of penance and of mortification. Help us to see, in our ordinary difficulties and duties, in the trials and temptations of every day, the best opportunity of making up for past infidelities. Every day we are so often reminded in field and wood, in sky and stream, of Your own boundless generosity to us. Help us to realize that You are never outdone in generosity, and that the least thing we do for You will be rewarded, full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and flowing over. Then we shall see, in our own souls, how the desert can blossom, and the dry and wasted land can bring forth the rich, useful fruit that was expected of it from the beginning. Amen.